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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN TO DISCUSS OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS WITH THE SRV AND THE LPDR IN VIENTIANE

REF: A HONG KONG 2774, B BANGKOK 6974

- 1. A PAN AMERICAN DELEGATION ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE MARCH 7 WHERE THEY PLAN TO DISCUSS OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS WITH THE VIETNAMESE MARCH 8 AND WITH THE LAO ON MARCH 9. VICE PRESIDENT FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS JOHN KRIMSKY, JR. AND PAA ATTORNEY HOWARD MCCLELLAN (BOTH AMERICAN CITIZENS) TOLD US IN A COURTESY CALL THAT THEY WERE ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY FRENCH CITIZEN LOUIS SAUBOLLE OF THE BANK OF AMERICA AND BRITISH SUBJECT GEORGE KANNON, VICE PRESIDENT OF PAA FOR PACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS.
- 2. KRIMSKY SAID THAT THEY EXPECTED THAT BOTH THE LAO AND VIETNAMESE WOULD GRANT OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO PAA. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED THAT THE VIETNAMESE CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE DISPOSITION OF THE AIR VIETNAM 707 AIRCRAFT FLOWN OUT OF SOUTH VIETNAM WHEN SAIGON FELL.

3. KRIMSKY SAID THAT PANAM WAS PREPARED TO RESOLVE ANY VIETNAMESE CLAIMS ON THIS ISSUE BY GIVING THEM AN OLD "STRAIGHT-PIPE, POLLUTING" 707, IF NECESSARY. KRIMSKY

SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THE AIR VIET-NAM 707 HAD BEEN LONG SINCE BROKEN UP FOR PARTS, THERE WERE PLENTY OF OTHER SIMILAR PLANES AVAILABLE WHICH PANAM COULD MAKE AVAILABLE AT FAR LESS EXPENSE THAN THE COST OF BEING BARRED FROM AMBER ONE.

- 4. KRIMSKY SAID THAT IF AGREEMENT TO USE AMBER ONE IS REACHED WITH THE VIETNAMESE, PANAM WOULD BE SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS NEEDED TO PAY THE OVERFLIGHT CHARGES.
- 5. KRIMSKY OBSERVED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF NO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS OR CLAIMS BETWEEN THE LAO AND PANAM. ROBERTS

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